

WORLD BRIEFS

The 'Why' Behind Toddler's Murder Haunts Britain

By William E. Schmidt
New York Times Service
PRESTON, England — The day after a jury here found two 11-year-old boys guilty of the abduction and savage murder of a Liverpool toddler...

nation's conscience, provoking a mixture of revulsion, horror and fury, and raising larger questions about society's failure to protect and nurture its children.
In a way, this search to understand is part of a healing process, what The Independent, a London newspaper, on Thursday called "a remedy for our collective trauma..."

culture that enshrines violence. Already members of Parliament are picking up on Judge Moreland's offhanded remark about video films — unsupported by any evidence introduced during the trial — and are proposing an official inquiry into the effects of violent movies on youngsters.
The police acknowledge that the father of one of the boys had rented a horror movie a few weeks before the Bulger murder in which two young boys must battle and kill a doll possessed by an evil killer and dressed in toddlers' clothes.

dured a less than ideal childhood, and investigators and psychiatrists question their upbringing in poor single-parent homes where their constant truancy and misbehavior was either ignored or overlooked. Robert, for example, was absent from school more than he was present last year. Both boys were playing hooky the day of the murder.
Still, there was nothing in their social or psychological record to suggest that they were prone to sort of barbarity that befell James.

London University's Institute of Psychiatry, said there was no simple answer. He notes that the boys show symptoms of what he called "psychopaths-in-waiting" displaying in miniature all the requisite features of hostile feelings, self-obsession, no shame, an urge to gratify their wishes at any expense.
But, he said, many of their actions also suggest little more than "childish bad behavior," as they wandered aimlessly around the shopping mall before the abduction, throwing a toy soldier on a moving escalator and meekly accepting scoldings from adults who asked why they were not in school.

UN Says Serbs Delay Food Convoys

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (Reuters) — The United Nations accused Bosnian Serbs on Thursday of hampering efforts to bring food and supplies to millions of Bosnians threatened by bitter winter weather.
"Clearly and intentionally, the Bosnian Serbs are trying to delay relief aid designated for people in central Bosnia," said Peter Kasler, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.
A convoy carrying flour, shoes, plastic sheeting and nails for the Muslim enclave of Zepa in eastern Bosnia was delayed for three hours before being allowed to continue. The delay means the trucks will not return to Belgrade in time to form a convoy for the northern Muslim city of Tuzla on Friday, a UN spokesman said in Belgrade.

Yeltsin Camp Attacks Political Ads

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris N. Yeltsin's chief spokesman complained Thursday about the proliferation of political advertising that he said was filled with "trade public insults" and "downright bad language."
Thirteen parties competing for political power began taking to Russia's airwaves this week in advance of parliamentary elections Dec. 12. "Potential voters are swamped with torrents of lies, inventions, social demagoguery and downright bad language from television screens," said Mr. Yeltsin's spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov.
This is the first time Russia has had a Western-style political campaign. Mr. Kostikov suggested that some of the political commercials were aimed at provoking Mr. Yeltsin into banning them and making him look undemocratic. "The final goal of the provocation is clear — to disrupt the elections and the referendum on a new constitution," he said.

Shevardnadze Promises New State

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Ordering lawmakers to take a two-month recess, the Georgian leader, Eduard A. Shevardnadze, said Thursday that the nation would get a new constitution and a new parliament.
He made the announcement at the first meeting of parliament since a state of emergency was declared in September during an insurrection in Western Georgia.
Lawmakers had voluntarily agreed to suspend parliament for two months when they agreed to the initial state of emergency. Last week, as the end of the recess neared, Mr. Shevardnadze issued a decree extending the state of emergency until Jan. 20. He also created his own political party, the Citizen's Union.

Paris Answers China on Dalai Lama

PARIS (AP) — The French Foreign Ministry on Thursday stressed the "pastoral and private nature" of the Dalai Lama's recent visit to France, in response to a protest from China.
In contacts with the Chinese authorities we have reminded them of the conditions under which the Dalai Lama came to France and under which he had meetings with French officials," a ministry spokesman said.
Earlier Thursday, Beijing denounced the exiled Tibetan leader's meeting with President Francois Mitterrand at the Elysee Palace on Nov. 16. "The French leader's meeting with him constitutes an interference in Chinese internal affairs," a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Lufthansa Weighs a No-Frills Shuttle

FRANKFURT (AP) — Lufthansa German Airlines plans to launch a no-frills airline next spring, a newspaper reported Thursday. A spokesman for the government-controlled carrier said the report in the Munich-based Süddeutsche Zeitung was based on an obsolete report, but he did not deny that Lufthansa planned to create such an airline next year.
"We are going to have to reckon with a European shuttle in 1994," said a Lufthansa spokesman, Josef Grendel, without confirming that his company would be offering it. He said the carrier had long been studying the idea.
With liberalized airline competition in the European Community, someone will inevitably offer cheaper short and medium flights, Mr. Grendel said. Such a carrier would be comparable in concept to Southwest Airline, which does not offer meals or other extras and was the only U.S. carrier to make a profit last year.

Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene of Belgium refused Thursday to go back on a wage freeze as unions prepared for a general strike on Friday to protest the government's austerity measures. Transportation, banking and industry are expected to be shut down. (Reuters)

Workers in London's northern and eastern suburbs rode buses or walked to work after large sections of the Underground remained closed while engineers hunted through miles of cabling for a power fault that stranded 20,000 passengers on Wednesday. (Reuters)

Paris-area transport services face disruption on Friday because of a demonstration by unions protesting the budget to be voted in the morning by the board of the RATP transport company. Between 10 A.M. and 2 P.M., only 50 percent of trains are expected to be running on the urban Metro. Service will be about the same or a little more frequent on the suburban RER network, and at 70 percent on buses. The rest of the day is expected to be more or less normal. (AFP)

Employees at the French domestic airline Air Inter held a 10-hour strike Thursday to protest what the unions termed a "brutal deregulation" plan. The airline said 10 to 15 flights out of 40 scheduled were being canceled because of the strike, which was to last from 2 P.M. to midnight. (AFP)

Citibank has informed holders of its Advantage Visa or Mastercard that starting Jan. 1 they will be limited to 60,000 miles — redeemable for tickets on American Airlines — each calendar year. Credits are accumulated according to purchases made with the cards. (IHT)

France to Increase NATO Cooperation

By Barry James
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — France will beef up its conventional forces and cooperate closely with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization but believes that Europe must have the means to intervene independently in situations where the United States is not willing to participate, senior military sources said Thursday.
"You should not suspect us of wanting to undermine the alliance," a senior military planner said. "We want to see it evolve, and we are prepared to evolve with it."

NATO leaders are scheduled to hold a summit meeting in January to discuss the evolution of the organization. The officials added that France did not support the idea of associating Poland and other East European countries with the alliance, saying that it would be a mistake to give the impression that Europe was ganging up on Russia.

They said the French government believed that bringing the former Warsaw Pact countries into NATO would do nothing to improve their security or that of Western Europe.

Instead, they said the East Europeans should seek greater economic and political rapprochement with the European Community. According to the sources, a French white paper scheduled for publication in February will call for a continuation of the nuclear deterrent well into the next century, but will place greater emphasis on conventional forces to deal with security situations in and outside of Europe, such as the civil war in the former Yugoslavia.

They said that France was willing to cooperate in international actions in any way that was most effective, whether through NATO or directly under the command of the United Nations.

The only conditions it imposed, they said, was that it must be involved in the planning of any action and must have a role in the command structure.

France is a member of NATO but does not officially participate in the alliance's military command. Closer collaboration does not preclude involvement in purely European groupings such as the Western European Union, or the Franco-German Eurocorps, which also has Dutch and Belgian participation, the officials said. Indeed, such initiatives are likely to multiply if the United States further reduces its forces and political involvement in Europe.

The government believes that there can be no serious NATO action without the participation of French forces. But if the United States does not want to take part, Mr. Primakov said he was not worried about NATO's expansion as a springboard from which to attack Russia. That sort of "primitive thinking" is not widespread in the new Russia, he said, adding, "NATO today is not the NATO of the Cold War period."

But this does not remove the question of the military-security interests of the Russian Federation," he said.

He said he understood that NATO was moving away from its Cold War role in opposition to the disbanded Warsaw Pact. But the transition is not very fast, he said, and Russia has its own interests to protect.

Russia would be less concerned, Mr. Primakov said, if it had guarantees that NATO was moving more quickly toward a post-Cold War political role and away from its former military one, or at least if its "political functions and geographical scope expanded in parallel."

But such guarantees are lacking," he said.

The question is: Will the expansion of NATO membership by itself promote its transformation into a political instrument that will be adequate to the tasks of the post-confrontation period? The analysis of the Foreign Intelligence Service say "no."

Angolan Regime Expels Two Zairian Diplomats

LUANDA, Angola — The government said Thursday it was expelling two Zairian diplomats for "activities incompatible with their diplomatic status in Angola," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. The ministry gave the two men 48 hours to leave, the spokesman said. The government accuses Zaire of aiding rebels of the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola who took up arms again after losing UN-supervised elections in September 1992.



EDUCATION IN FRANCE — A student shouting Thursday at policemen who were blocking access by protesters to the National Assembly in Paris. Thousands demonstrated around France to demand more teachers and more money for the education system.

An Anti-Fascist Mobilization in Rome

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
ROME — With the press baron Silvio Berlusconi openly backing a neofascist candidate, intellectuals and politicians launched a petition Thursday supporting the leftist contender in the Rome mayoral election Dec. 5.
The petition coincided with a strike by more than 200 journalists at Mr. Berlusconi's Mondadori publishing company, which produces the weekly Panorama news magazine. They said they refused to be used to further the industrialist's political ambitions.
Mr. Berlusconi, the president of AC Milan soccer club, touched off a national furor by publicly expressing support for Gianfranco Fini, the candidate of the ultrarightist Italian Social Movement, which is also fronting the granddaughter of the Fascist dictator Be-

into Mussolini in the mayoral race in Naples.
The petition by 100 intellectuals, including Adolfo Pérez Esquivel of Argentina, the 1980 Nobel Peace laureate, said that Mr. Fini's election would "encourage intolerance and racist hate."
They urged Romans to vote for Francesco Rutelli, who is supported by the former Communist Democratic Party of the Left, the Greens, the Radicals and by some Christian Democrats.
Mr. Rutelli won 40 percent of the vote in the first round of the election Sunday, 4 percent more than

Mr. Fini, but not enough to avoid a runoff.
Committees sprang up in 20 cities to oppose Mr. Berlusconi, the head of Europe's largest media empire, who is considered a likely bidder for public office.
The committees planned a nationwide boycott campaign, urging consumers to avoid Mr. Berlusconi's three television stations, his chain of supermarkets, his real estate business, cinemas, financial services, magazines and newspapers. The tycoon backed Mr. Fini in an open letter published in newspapers.

Likening Mr. Berlusconi to Mussolini's black-shirted Fascists, the Rome newspaper La Repubblica called him "the black cavalier."
The daily is owned by its arch-rival, Carlo De Benedetti.
The scandal-tainted Christian Democrats will change their name to the Popular Party in January following their shattering defeat in Sunday's municipal elections. The party leader, Mino Martinazzoli, said the change would mark the rebirth of the Christian Democrats as they prepare for general elections in the spring. (AFP, AP, Reuters)

LETTER: Under Ancient Clay, a Lover's Complaint

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and debunk countless myths. One of Russia's oldest cities, it is cherished by Mr. Yanin for a unique geology that has preserved everyday objects of wood, cloth and leather.
But on the summer day when he first read the love letter, Mr. Yanin, 64, found himself thinking, for once, neither of democracy nor of medieval trading patterns or tool-making skills.
"A person lives and dies and suffers, and after two or three generations, no one on Earth remembers," Mr. Yanin said recently in his office at Moscow State University, where he teaches archaeology after Russia's short digging season ends.
"Then 500 years pass, or 900 years — and suddenly we learn her name. We read her letters. It's like a resurrection. This is a profoundly moving thing."
Novgorod, today a medium-sized Russian city with a well-preserved citadel, was a state of considerable size and importance between the 11th and 15th centuries, when Russia was a shifting mix of fiefdoms and numerous tribes.
While its rivals mostly battled against each other across the steppes and through the forests, Novgorod managed to build a prosperous peace as a largely non-

military, westward-looking trading nation.
Moreover, while other parts of Russia were moving toward the absolutism embraced by czars and Communist tyrants, Novgorod enjoyed a kind of aristocratic democracy, with landowners often exercising more influence than the prince who was nominally in charge.
Much of this is known thanks to a thick layer of clay beneath Novgorod.
Air and humidity are what eventually destroy most everyday objects, Mr. Yanin explained. If archaeology in the Middle East depends on dryness, in Novgorod it is just the opposite.
Water cannot drain through the clay, so air cannot enter the saturated soil, and many of the objects are preserved.
"The sheer quantity of leather and wood objects is itself an important corrective to common perceptions," he wrote in the Scientific American magazine in 1990.
"How misleading are museum exhibits that feature objects of metal, stone and glass, when 90 percent of household objects in medieval times were made of wood!"
Like a child opening his Christmas presents, Mr. Yanin recently displayed some of this year's finds, as excited as he must have been during his first Novgorod dig in 1947.

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Prosecution of FBI Agents Possible in Idaho Standoff

By David Johnston and Stephen Labaton
New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — The bloody standoff between the FBI's elite paramilitary force and a white separatist in Idaho has produced one of the largest and most wrenching internal inquiries ever conducted by the Justice Department...

People who have been interviewed by government agents in the course of the inquiry said it was focusing on whether officials misjudged the danger the agents faced and knowingly violated the agency's limits on the use of deadly force by killing Mrs. Weaver.

William Barr, a former attorney general; William Sessions, a former FBI director; and Floyd Clarke, the FBI's No. 2 official, who announced Wednesday he was retiring. Officials said his departure was unrelated to the inquiry.

The probe is focusing on whether officials knowingly violated the agency's limits on the use of deadly force.

Within the ranks of the hostage rescue unit, the inquiry has stirred deep resentment. Agents who took part in the operation defend their actions and regard the inquiry as unfair second-guessing of those who place themselves at risk to uphold the law.

POLITICAL NOTES

White House Health Cost Figures Called Low
WASHINGTON — If President Bill Clinton's health plan were fully implemented in 1994, the average total employer-employee premium for health insurance coverage would be higher than estimated by the White House...

Brady Welcomes 'His' Gun-Control Bill

WASHINGTON — "How sweet it is," said James S. Brady, learning that the Senate had finally enacted the Brady gun-control bill.



Attorney General Janet Reno, President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore applaud James and Sarah Brady at the White House after the passage of a gun control bill the couple crusaded for.

North Korea Hopeful on Nuclear Issue

Agence France-Press
UNITED NATIONS, New York — North Korea expects a dispute over inspections of its nuclear facilities to be resolved soon, according to the North Korean ambassador to the United Nations.

Away From Politics

• A woman who said she was sexually abused by a priest settled her lawsuit against the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for \$500,000. Elaine Montoya, 34, said she was abused more than 300 times as a teenager by the Reverend Arthur Perrault, who fled his Albuquerque parish more than a year ago.

U.S. Vows to Enforce Airwave Rules

By Paul Farhi
Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — A day after the government's "indecent" rules were tossed out by a federal appeals court, the chief regulator of the nation's radio and TV airwaves said he still intended to enforce a ban on raunchy programs.

Democracy Camp in Hong Kong Doubts Britain's Resolve

HONG KONG — Hong Kong's democracy camp, weary and demoralized as China and Britain negotiate the colony's constitutional future over its head, fears public opinion is being softened up for another backing down by London.

State Dept. Warns Americans Abroad Over Rushdie Visit

WASHINGTON — The State Department has urged U.S. embassies to alert Americans to possible unrest as a result of President Bill Clinton's White House meeting with Salman Rushdie, the British novelist under a death sentence pronounced by Muslim fundamentalists.

Chef Who Cooked at Summit Had Hepatitis

SEATTLE — A hotel chef who cooked for President Bill Clinton and foreign dignitaries at the Asia-Pacific economic forum last week found out later that he has a form of hepatitis, health officials said.

Quote / Unquote

President Clinton, on receiving a live 50-pound Thanksgiving turkey from the National Turkey Federation: "Somebody pointed out this morning that this may not be the only turkey I've had in my administration, but this is one I will certainly set free. It is my first presidential pardon."

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Egypt Prime Minister Escapes Bombing

By Chris Hedges
New York Times Service

CAIRO — The Muslim militant group Jihad exploded a powerful car bomb in a northern suburb of Cairo on Thursday in an attempt to assassinate Prime Minister Atef Sedki, according to Egyptian officials and a communiqué issued by the radical group.

The minister was uninjured, but an 11-year-old girl was killed in the explosion and about a dozen people were hurt, the police said, including another child who was wounded seriously.

Mr. Sedki said that those who had tried to kill him were "wicked."

"They will not escape from us," he said, speaking of the militants. "They will never escape. I am sorry to say this, but we will use all means now to get rid of them."

In a handwritten message faxed to international news agencies, the militant group Jihad said that it carried out the attack, which took place as the prime minister's motorcade was pulling out of his residence.

It said the attack had been carried out "to revenge the blood of the martyrs executed by the military courts."

Jihad is one of two main radical Islamic groups that carry out attacks against the government. It was blamed for the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat.

The message also warned U.S. authorities not to "harm any of our Islamic scholars, such as the holy warrior and scholar Dr. Omar Abdel Rahman."

Sheikh Abdel Rahman, a militant Egyptian cleric, is in prison in the United States awaiting trial on charges of involvement in the Feb. 26 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York.

The campaign by Muslim militants to topple the government has been going on for two years and has taken the lives of more than 210 people and wounded more than 500 others.

The government has arrested hundreds of suspected militants in the past few months and dozens more have died in gunbattles with police. A year ago President Hosni Mubarak began transferring the trials of militants to military courts. The special courts have sentenced 38 militants to death.

Police officials said that one of the two cars that was demolished in the attack had been filled with explosives and detonated as the prime minister's motorcade passed. A security officer on the scene said the explosion went off minutes after Mr. Sedki left his home, about 500 meters from the blast site.

Israeli Forces Wound 34 in Gaza Strip Protests

GAZA CITY, Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip — Israeli soldiers shot and wounded at least 34 Palestinians in the Gaza Strip on Thursday in a series of protests provoked by the killing of a Muslim militant commander, hospital staff said.

They were the most violent demonstrations since Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization signed a peace agreement in September.

Undercover soldiers on Wednesday killed

of three Israeli soldiers after the deaths of two Qassam commanders in the past 18 months.

Quoting Mr. Aqel, the communiqué said: "We will never forget his famous words: 'Killing Israeli soldiers is a worship by which we get close to God.'"

Orri Orr, head of the Israeli parliament's foreign affairs and defense committee, said that Mr. Aqel and his followers were apparently responsible for killing 30 Israelis and Palestinians, including suspected informers.

CHURCHILL: British Start Issuing Wartime Leader's Secret Archives

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conclude that this was withheld from the Americans, who were unaware that the British could read JN-25, because Churchill believed that a dramatic sneak attack would instantly propel America into the war.

This hypothesis contradicts Churchill's account of how he learned of the Japanese attack, which killed and wounded 4,575 Americans and resulted in the loss of 19 ships and 120 aircraft, badly crippling the U.S. war effort.

In the third volume of his memoirs, "The Second World War," Churchill notes that he was having dinner on Dec. 7 at his country home in Chequers with John Winant, the American ambassador, and Averell Harriman, Roosevelt's special envoy, when they turned on the news and heard of the attack by the Japanese on American shipping at Hawaii. They sat up surprised and his butler rushed in to confirm that the item had been broadcast.

Churchill went to telephone the president who replied: "It's quite true. They have attacked us at Pearl Harbor. We are all in the same boat now."

The prime minister writes of sending messages around the world and of his feelings: "No American will think it wrong of me if I proclaim that to have the United

States at our side was to me the greatest joy."

Britain's Code and Cypher School, which was established in 1919, greatly expanded its work in World War II, so that the prime minister received summaries of the German Enigma messages once a day and sometimes more frequently than that.

In an intercepted German police report dated September 1942 is a terse item headed "airports on deaths in German prison camps during August." Four camps are listed. In one, Auschwitz, the death figures were 6,829 men and 1,525 women. The item goes on to say that "although typhus is still rife at Auschwitz, new arrivals continue to come in."

The next item says that beginning on Sept. 1 "natural deaths" — the phrase is apparently placed in quotes by the British — among concentration camp prisoners are to be reported only in writing.

Another intercepted document recounts a meeting between the Japanese ambassador in Berlin and

Joachim von Ribbentrop, Hitler's foreign minister, in September 1941. In it Ribbentrop tells Japan it must "not lose this opportunity of achieving the establishment of the new order in East Asia."

The German told the Japanese envoy that "the existence of Japan and Germany on the one hand and America on the other was fundamentally incompatible." About the possibility of war, he said "that Roosevelt was diseased and there was no knowing what he would do."

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thousands of acts of violence against foreigner asylum-seekers and refugees.

Discussing his view that Germans should not be singled out for special treatment any longer nearly 50 years after World War II, he told the Munich daily Süddeutsche Zeitung in September:

"I believe that the organized deaths of millions of Jews in gas chambers was indeed unique — just as there are many historically unique events in the past century. The past century finally ended with German unification, and the time has come to put this event in perspective."

"To put it in perspective, not for God's sake to put it aside," he said.

Germany with each other. Mr. Heilmann's supporters said that his main offense had been that, as an Eastern German Protestant church lawyer, he did not take his views to fit the accepted clichés and by-products of decent political discourse in Western Germany, where many Easterners still feel nobody speaks for them.

Mr. Heilmann's attempts to explain his views often made them more offensive. He spoke of Germany being "overrun by foreigners," then apologized when critics pointed out that this was precisely the message of the radical rightist thugs who have committed

ed, but the damage was done: for many of his opponents, this sounded too much like neo-Nazi revisionism.

Israel's Largest Group: Russian Immigrants

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The number of immigrants from the former Soviet Union more than doubled from 1989 to 1992, to about 664,000, making them the largest group in Israel, the Central Bureau of Statistics said.

Israel's population grew by 2.7 percent in 1992, to 5.3 million, the bureau added.

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Anthony Burgess, 76, Author Of 'Clockwork Orange,' Dies

By Herbert Mitgang
New York Times Service
Anthony Burgess, 76, the prolific English novelist, composer, librettist, essayist, translator and linguist, whose novel 'A Clockwork Orange' offered a vision of a violence-ridden future, died of cancer in London on Thursday.

Manichee, I believe the wrong God is temporarily ruling the world and that the true God has gone under. Thus I am a pessimist but believe the world has much solace to offer — love, food, music, the immense variety of race and language, literature and the pleasure of artistic creation.

Among his books are 'Honey for the Bears' (1963), 'Enderby Outside' (1971), 'Moses' (1976), 'Earthly Powers' (1980), 'The Kingdom of the Wicked' (1985) and 'Any Old Iron' (1989). He also wrote biographies of Shakespeare, D. H. Lawrence and Hemingway and two autobiographies: 'Little Wilson and Big God' (1987) and 'You've Had Your Time' (1990).



Anthony Burgess wrote at least 50 novels and 15 other works, phonetics at Birmingham University. In 1942, Mr. Burgess married Llewella Isherwood Jones, a distant relative of Christopher Isherwood. The brutality depicted in 'A Clockwork Orange' stemmed in part, he said, from an assault on her during World War II in London that resulted in the loss of her expected child. She died in 1948. That year, he married Liliana Macellari, 15 years his junior, who was teaching linguistics at Cambridge.

BOOKS

BIG BLUES: The Unmaking of IBM By Paul Carroll. 375 pages. \$24. Crown.

Reviewed by Stephen Manes
THE "computer-on-a-chip" microprocessor and the small, cheap machines it made possible by the mid-1970s struck not only at the big-computer heart of IBM but also at lucrative appendages — typewriters, word processors, computer terminals. In the overblown rhetoric typical of "Big Blues," Paul Carroll calls the company's almost inevitable decline "a sort of Greek tragedy."

WHAT THEY'RE READING

Peter Schneider, the German writer, is reading 'The Magic Mountain' by Thomas Mann. This book is full of imagination and ideas. I hope to find some inspiration for my next novel in it. (Heike Ludwig, IHT)



that it would have collected billions of dollars of revenue over the years. ... IBM would have had the whole PC industry under its thumb. The far more likely scenario (as hinted in 'Big Blues' by a Lotus insider) is that IBM would have botched 1-2-3 as horribly as its many other software efforts. In emphasizing IBM's many truly boneheaded decisions, Carroll fails to account for the fact that the company nonetheless stood alone among the big and midsize computer manufacturers in becoming a major player in small computers. IBM, though currently hemorrhaging money, still does more than \$60 billion worth of business each year and sells more personal computers than any other firm. Given that IBM, unlike Apple or Microsoft or Compaq, had to deal with the wrenching problem of cheap little computers tapping on an existing high-profit big-computer business, the wonder may be not that IBM has fared so poorly of late, but that it did so well for so long.

Stephen Manes, co-author of 'Gates: How Microsoft's Mogul Reinvented an Industry — and Made Himself the Richest Man in America,' wrote this for The Washington Post.

A.D. Langmuir, Public Health Pioneer

By Alexander D. Langmuir, 83, a leader in public health who is credited with saving hundreds of thousands of lives through his innovations in controlling epidemics, died of kidney cancer Monday in Baltimore. In 1949, Dr. Langmuir created a corps of epidemiologists at what is now the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. The corps was ready to fly anywhere immediately to investigate reports of an epidemic or an unusual cluster of cases. Known as the Epidemic Intelligence Service, the program played a crucial role in turning what was then a small operation into a large federal agency. From 1949 to 1970, Dr. Langmuir was the director of the chief epidemiologist. When he retired, he taught at Harvard Medical School until 1977. In 1988 he returned to teach at Johns Hopkins, where he had earned a degree in public health. As the government's chief disease detective, he created the concept of surveillance for infectious diseases. The agency uses it to track dozens of diseases and to analyze patterns to take steps to prevent clusters and outbreaks from becoming epidemics. The agency also responds to requests from state health departments.

It is through such investigations that scientists at the disease centers discovered the bacterium that causes Legionnaire's disease, identified toxic shock syndrome, and last week reported isolating and growing the strain of Hantavirus that causes a fatal illness first reported among Navajo Indians in New Mexico this year. William Clark Brinkley, 76, wrote of Navy and Sea Life. William Clark Brinkley, 76, a novelist known for his books about the U.S. Navy and the sea, died Monday in McAllen, Texas, near the Gulf of Mexico. He had taken an overdose of barbiturates. A friend said he had been clinically depressed for a long time. His best-known work is 'Don't Go Near the Water,' a 1956 best-seller that satirizes navy public relations in a Pacific backwater late in the war. The 1957 movie version starred Glenn Ford. James Stern, 88, author of stories and translator. James Stern, 88, an British-Irish critic and writer of short stories that traced his wanderings through the British Isles, Africa, the Pacific and America, died Monday in Tisbury, England. He was in frail health after he broke a hip several months ago, a friend said. He was the author of more than 50 short stories, a translator of many German writers and the writer of a widely read study of Europe after World War II. Mr. Stern lived in New York for two decades, starting in 1939. Grammys, he won the award in 1986 for his collaboration with Robert Cray and Johnny Copeland on 'Showdown.' Walter Northway, 117, a tribal chief in the eastern part of Alaska's interior, died Sunday in the village near the Canadian border that bears his name. The Athabaskan Indian leader was the oldest known Alaskan. Bruno Rossi, 88, an authority on cosmic rays and a retired professor of physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died of cardiac arrest Sunday in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Bruce Johnson, 48, one of dog-sled racing's best-known mushers, died after his sled fell through a frozen lake while he was training, the police said Tuesday in Whitehorse, Yukon. In 1986 he became the only Canadian to win the 1,000-mile (1,600-kilometer) Yukon Quest race between Whitehorse and Fairbanks, Alaska. Hervé Bromberger, 75, a moviemaker hailed as a precursor to the New Wave of French cinema in the 1960s, died of cancer Tuesday in Paris. He was best-known for 'Les Fruits Sauvages.' (Wild Fruit), which earned a prize at the Berlin Film Festival. Albert Collins, 61, a blues guitarist who was a popular recording artist for three decades, died of lung cancer Wednesday in Las Vegas. Nominated five times for

Tatiana Nikolayeva, pianist who played Bach, dies at 69. Tatiana Nikolayeva, 69, a Russian pianist respected for her interpretations of the music of Bach and Shostakovich, died of a cerebral aneurysm Monday in San Francisco. She lived in Moscow. Jacques Leiser, her American manager, said she suffered a cerebral hemorrhage during a recital Nov. 13 at the San Francisco Music Center. She was being treated at a hospital when she died. Albert Collins, 61, a blues guitarist who was a popular recording artist for three decades, died of lung cancer Wednesday in Las Vegas. Nominated five times for

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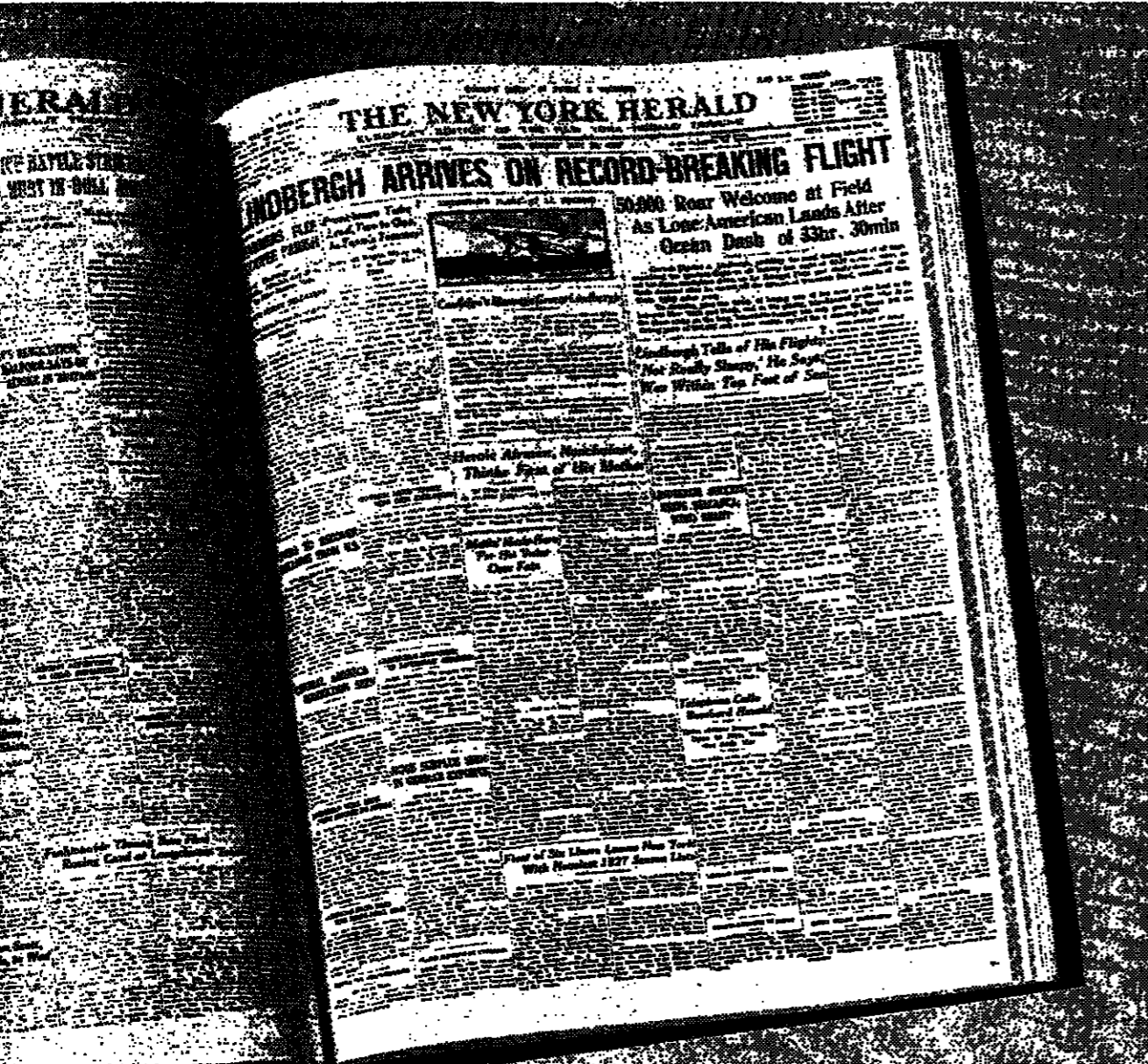
By Alan Truscott
IF both partnerships have close to 20 high-card points and there is no fit to be found, one can expect a small part-score contract producing a small score. But occasionally there is an aberration, as in the diagramed deal played late in February at the Long Island Regional Swiss Team Championship in Smithtown, Long Island. At one table West opened the bidding with one diamond and his partner eventually struggled in two no-trump, failing by a trick. In the replay, as shown, West chose to open one spade, for lead-directing reasons, and North made a normal, but disastrous, take-out double. East redoubled, and there was no easy escape for North-South. If they had been inspired to defend one spade redoubled they would

have ended up minus 520. South not unnaturally tried two clubs, and East was happy to double. West led the spade king and shifted to the club nine. With the actual lie South should have played the queen, cutting the defender's communications, but he played low from dummy, fearing a five-card club holding on his right. East played low and South won with the king and finessed the diamond queen. If this had won he could have emerged with five tricks, but East produced the king and led his remaining spade. West took his ace and played his last trump, allowing East to pull all the trumps. On the last round dummy gave up a heart. A heart was led to the king and the ace, and South should now have cashed his diamond ace. Instead, in desperation, he led a low diamond

Bridge bidding diagram showing North and South hands and bidding sequence. North: 10♠, A♠, 8♠, 9♠, 8♠, 8♠, 8♠, 8♠. South: A♠, K♠, 2♠, 3♠, 7♠, 8♠, 8♠, 8♠. Bidding: North 1♦, South 2♣, North 2♦, South 2♥, North 2♠, South 2NT, North 3NT, South 3♣, North 3♦, South 3♥, North 3♠, South 3NT, North 4♠, South 4NT, North 5♠, South 5NT, North 6♠, South 6NT. Result: 6♠, 12 tricks.

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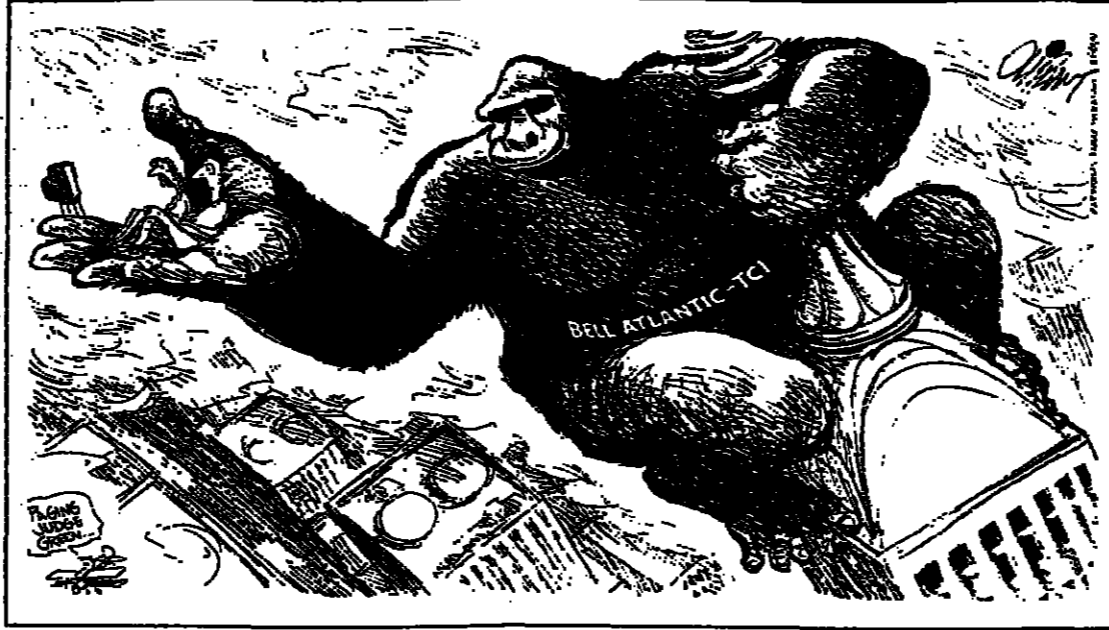
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OPINION

We Still Pay for the Errors Of President Kennedy

By Robert J. Sammelson

WASHINGTON — We have come through another year of Kennedy remembrances, and I confess that, finally, I am fed up. It is not just that his life and his assassination have been over-dramatized, transforming him from a political figure into an entertainment phenomenon with a place in pop culture closer to Elvis than to Harry Truman. The dissent goes deeper. The Kennedy obsession obscures something crucial. He was, at best, a mediocre president. I admit that Mr. Kennedy had wit, charm, style and class. At age 14, I was captivated by him when he ran for president; I was shattered when he was killed. Watching old television clips now, I am still stirred by his rhetoric and still amused by his quick humor. We gloried in the energetic and self-confident image that he projected. The clips can still touch emotions. But this is no longer 1960, and we do not pay our presidents to be witty, charming, elegant or funny. Every president succeeds or fails, in the harsh light of history, on the quality of a few critical judgments. It is not true, as Mr. Kennedy's defenders say, that he did not have the time to show his leadership potential. His judgments did make a difference, but mostly for the worse. It was Mr. Kennedy who blessed and promoted an ambitious economic agenda (dubbed the "new economics") that launched an era of rising inflation and permanent budget deficits. President Dwight Eisenhower had adhered to the old idea of balanced budgets. Three of his eight budgets were in surplus; his net deficit over two terms was less than \$19 billion. Mr. Eisenhower also thought that inflation must be checked, even if that meant occasional recessions. In 1961, the inflation rate was 1 percent. Mr. Kennedy's economists argued that economic growth could be increased, and the economy kept at "full employment," by relaxing the taboos against budget deficits and inflation. The rest is history. Once these useful disciplines were gone, government lost control of its budgets and let loose what became double-digit inflation. It was Mr. Kennedy who made the critical commitment to Vietnam. All the subsequent speculation about whether he would or would not have increased that commitment, as Lyndon Johnson did, is irrelevant. We can never know what Mr. Kennedy would have done — what he did was make a major military (and political) commitment to a country whose survival was not a vital U.S. interest and, thereby, involve his country in a conflict that politically it could not sustain. There was no easy exit. The point is that many of the country's political and economic troubles over the past three decades trace their origins to Mr. Kennedy's errors. No one doubts that he was intelligent, or, as David Broder observes (IHT, Nov. 18), a consummate politician. Had he lived, he had the skills to be re-elected and, probably, pass much of his legislative agenda. But political skill and intelligence are not substitutes for wisdom or good instincts. These Mr. Kennedy lacked. His own experiences were limited. The histories of his administration often have him complaining (as after the Bay of Pigs) that he was poorly served by his advisers. These moments reveal a man who, for all his outward self-confidence, often did not have the background or values to make good decisions alone. Our continuing fascination with Mr. Kennedy says more about us than it does about him. We Americans feel that we were unfairly deprived of the future we deserved and that Mr. Kennedy, had he lived, would have provided it. This is more than a myth; it is a fantasy. Hard as it is to say, Mr. Kennedy's reputation was preserved, and possibly even made, by his death. It meant he did not have to face the consequences of his own decisions. It made him a tragic figure who commanded sympathy and distracted people from the thinness of his record. If you doubt this, try a thought experiment. Visualize Mr. Kennedy as a small, pudgy man with all the charm and charisma of, say, Richard Nixon. Assume that he simply decided not to run in 1964. What, then, would you think of his presidency? Not much. Mr. Kennedy's enduring appeal lies in the tragedy of his death and his powers as a public performer: someone with good looks who made memorable speeches and radiated a zest for living. His constructive leadership was modest. On civil rights, he was dragged along by events. His greatest foreign policy triumph was probably the limited nuclear test ban treaty with the Soviet Union. In fairness, many of Mr. Kennedy's errors reflected the climate of the times. Americans believed fervently in their own power and in their capacity to organize progress. Some of Mr. Kennedy's errors (for example, his fondness for economic engineering) were also made by leaders abroad. But Mr. Kennedy could not see through these prevailing illusions. It is possible that he would have grown. He faced down Nikita Khrushchev in the Cuban missile crisis. But that crisis resulted partly from Mr. Kennedy's foreign policy blunders, which led Mr. Khrushchev to think that the new president could be had. Mr. Kennedy botched the Bay of Pigs. When the Berlin Wall went up, he did virtually nothing. At the Vienna summit in 1961, Mr. Khrushchev bullied him. "Too intelligent and too weak," Mr. Khrushchev said. I still mourn Mr. Kennedy's death. But we Americans need to measure our presidents better. The John F. Kennedy who lives beyond the grave commands neither my sympathy nor my interest. He is romanticized and exploited. He is not a person but a popular delusion. The Washington Post.



We Can Vilify the Violent And Obscene on Our Own

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — Legal scholars are breaking their heads over a clash of rights: the right of children to be sheltered from pornography and violence vs. the right of adults to choose to watch what they want when they want it. This week a federal appeals court struck down government regulations that permit "indecent" broadcasts only between midnight and 6 A.M., when children who know all too well how to

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work the video recorder are presumably asleep. The court's reason: You cannot take away an adult's First Amendment rights of free speech to protect children. The Federal Communications Commission promptly announced that it would continue to threaten broadcasters of porn outside those two hours with the loss of licenses. Its reason: Clinton administration appointees do not want to be tagged "soft on porn." In this confrontation, the government regulators will ultimately lose. The FCC's ability to regulate the broadcast media rested on the finite nature of the spectrum, and that has been mooted by the infinity of cable. Electronic media will enjoy the same freedom as the print medium, which is as it should be. How to prevent the offspring from locking themselves in the bedroom for hours on end with a portable television set? How to "disincent" the producers and distributors of moving images from meeting the market demand for sex and violence? First, set aside the issue of nudity. The naked human body is as innocent on the screen as it is on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. Nudity is already losing its shock value to advertisers; we need not worry about the "boob tube" gaining a second meaning. Violence is a related but separate issue. The glorification of crime on the screen leads to crime in the street; not enough shame is attached to those who make their living inciting violence. Everyone who makes a buck in sociopathic fiction should be accurately identified, vilified, picketed and ostracized. Remember "Red Channels" from the McCarthy era? I would like to see a "Blue Channels" that points an accusing finger at individuals not based on their ideology but on their abuse of free speech in commercial exploitation of the worst in human nature. Treat the profiteers of violence to a countervailing social consequence. Instead of a red light from government, which offends the constitutional rights of all, turn on a white light of publicity for citizens' groups, newsletters, crusading talk jockeys. Citizens' boycotts work. The writers, directors and editors of bloodthirsty epics — and the investors therein — should be locally de-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why Turkey Invaded

Regarding "Turkey and Cyprus" (Letters, Nov. 13): Michalis Attalides, Cyprus's ambassador to France, notes that his country was invaded by Turkey in 1974. His Excellency does not tell us why. In July 1974, the Greek junta of colonels under Demetrios Ioannides, who was a fanatical believer in enosis, the union of Cyprus with Greece, staged a military coup against Cyprus's President Makarios, who was obliged to flee. This Athens-sponsored coup was, of course, not only contrary to international law but to the specific agreements and treaties that guaranteed the independence of the island state. Turkey, as one of the three guarantor powers (the two others were Britain and, yes, Greece), therefore had to intervene in order to prevent the forced annexation of Cyprus by Greece and to protect the Turkish Cypriots. ESKIL SVANE, Poznan, France.

All Are Appalled

Regarding "America's Chilly Message for Europe" (Looking Ahead, Nov. 16): Reginald Dale writes that most Americans are "appalled by European impotence in Bosnia." According to me, most Europeans are appalled by American impotence in Haiti. We are all appalled. Then what? FRANCOIS DUPUIS, Paris.

Women's Vote Centenary

The women of New Zealand made history 100 years ago, on Nov. 28, 1893, by becoming the first in the world to vote in national elections. There were earlier pockets of women's suffrage — descendants of the mutineers of the sailing ship Bounty on Pitcairn's Island, the Isle of Man in Britain and the American state of Wyoming. But New Zealand was the first country of independent status to enact nationwide voting rights for women. The final petition to Parliament in 1893 carried the signatures of nearly 30,000 women, almost a quarter of New Zealand women at that time. The sheer numbers finally disproved the notion, WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE WHAKATU WAHINE 1893-1993

No 'Reportedly' Needed

Early in the morning of Nov. 15, two masked Palestinians stood in wait to find a Jew walking alone in his morning prayers. They found one and attacked him with axes. Before he passed out from severe blows to the head — which required nine hours of brain surgery to repair — he shot one dead. The second stole his gun and fled. Eyewitness reports, government statements and the Hamas leaflet describing the event all agree: This is what happened. By what stretch of bizarre journalistic freedom does the International Herald Tribune print a large front-page photograph of the dead assailant, with the caption, "An Israeli soldier Mon-

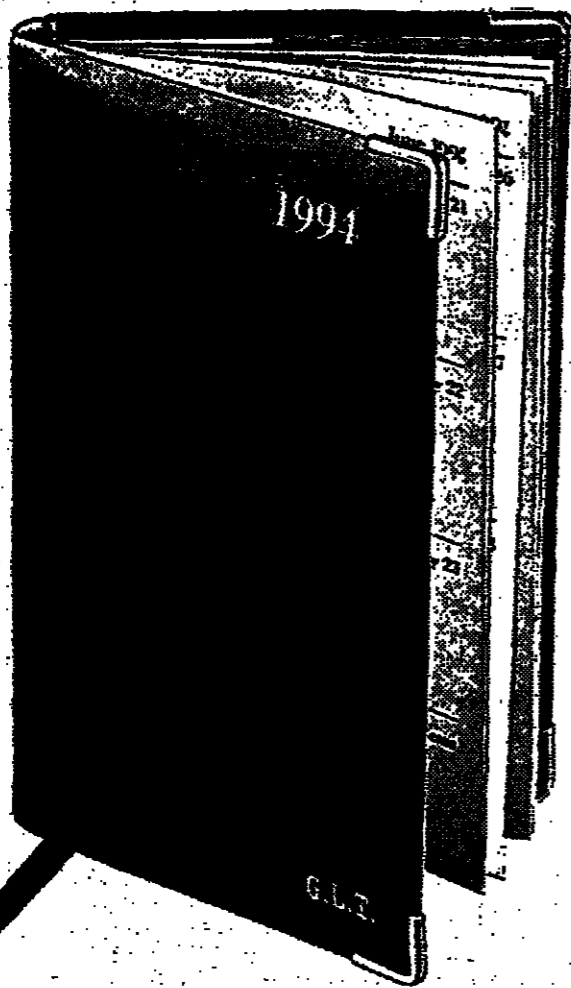
Bringing Up Baby

Regarding "Spoon-Feeding a Polish Venture" (Finance, Nov. 9): The article on the attempt by Gerber, the American baby-food maker, to break into the Polish market because the U.S. market is declining horrified me. I lived in Istanbul when my daughter was a baby; no Gerber or other ready-made baby food was available. Spoiled Westerner though I am, I discovered that you can make baby food very quickly by just putting some of your own dinner through a garlic press and adding a bit of liquid. The people of Eastern Europe are poor and getting poorer. They neither need, nor can they afford, baby foods. I do not mean to single out Gerber. I

Word to the Wise

ATTORNEY GENERAL Janet Reno said in Washington recently that if the networks didn't clean up their act, the government would. A word to the wise from the Justice Department should be sufficient. It should be clear by now that Hollywood, which prospers from its easy access to American hearts and minds, cannot say it has no influence whatsoever on its customers' behavior. Self-regulation by the entertainment industry is no longer debatable. Nor is the eternal obligation of parents to carefully monitor what their children watch. We live in a society where the pressure for change is often produced from interest groups. This time, the message is coming from the largest interest group of all — consumers. — Los Angeles Times.

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BELGIUM

Brussels
Palais des Beaux-Arts (tel: 507.84.80). Continuing/To Dec. 19: "The Eagle and the Sun: 3,000 Years of Mexican Art."

BRITAIN

London
Barbican Art Gallery (tel: 071.838.5403). To Dec. 12: "Alfonso Mucha, 1860-1939. Mucha first became popular in Paris for his decorative style showing sinuous images of gracefully posed women, and flowering hair interlaced with curlicues of towers and vines. His style soon became synonymous with Art Deco. Continuing/To Dec. 12: "Bill Brandt: Photographs 1928-83."

Royal Academy of Arts (tel: 071.499.7458). Continuing/To Dec. 12: "American Art in the 20th Century." More than 230 works by some 60 artists highlighting the development of American sculpture and painting since 1913.

CANADA

Montreal
Centre for Architecture (tel: 939.7000). Continuing/To Jan. 2: "Exploring Rome: Piranesi and His Contemporaries."

CZECH REPUBLIC

Prague
Estates Theatre (tel: 26.18.89 for tickets). Performances of Mozart's "Don Giovanni" (Dec. 1, 4, 12) and "The Magic Flute" (Dec. 9, 27, 29 and 30).

DENMARK

Copenhagen
The Royal Theatre (tel: 33.32.20.20). A new production of Gian Carlo Menotti's "Tosca" and "The Night Watchman." Nov. 28 (premieres), Dec. 4 and 22.

FRANCE

Paris
Centre Georges Pompidou (tel: 44.78.12.33). Continuing/To Dec. 13: "Manet, Une Histoire Parallèle: 1960-1990." More than 200 paintings, sculptures and drawings. Grand Palais (tel: 44.13.17.17). For safety reasons, the Grand Palais has been closed. The exhibition of Nubi paintings will be moved to a different location.

Musee Cernuschi (tel: 45.53.50.75). To Jan. 2: "Encaes: The Art of the Encaes, Drawings, Engravings, Etchings."
Musee Marmottan-Claude Monet (tel: 42.24.07.02). Continuing/To Dec. 31: "Hommage aux Femmes impressionnistes."

Musee d'Orsay (tel: 40.49.48.65). Continuing/To Jan. 2: "From Caravaggio to Matisse: Masterpieces from the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia."
Théâtre du Châtelet (tel: 40.23.28.40). Dec. 8: John Adams will conduct the Ensemble InterContemporain in a performance of his works, including "Sheherazade," "Chamber Symphony," "Christian Zeal and Activity" and "Fearful Symmetries."

GERMANY

Berlin
Martin-Gropius Bau (tel: 254.890). Continuing/To Dec. 12: "Japan und Europa: 1543-1929." More than 500 Japanese objects.



New gadget, c. 1900; Cooper-Hewitt show, New York.

Bonn
Kunstmuseum (tel: 0228.77.82.80). To Jan. 9: "Christo: The Port-Neuf Wrapped, Paris 1975-85." Photographs and drawings.

Cologne
Josef-Haubrich-Kunsthalle (tel: 2.212.335). To Jan. 2: "From Malevich to Kabelekov: The Russian Avant-Garde in the 20th Century." Features 600 paintings, collages, drawings, gouaches and photographs from the pre-Revolutionary era to the post-Soviet reaction, and explores the impact of the Russian artists on their Western European counterparts.

Frankfurt
Ars Antiqua '93 (tel: 49.511.30.08.77). Nov. 27 to Dec. 5: More than 100 exhibitors from Europe and overseas will present antiques, historical carpets and textiles, icons, sculptures, old prints and books, paintings and drawings by old masters, furniture and jewelry.

HONG KONG

Museum of Art (tel: 794.21.67). To Jan. 2: "Treasures of Chang'an, Capital of the Silk Road." Xian, known in ancient times as Chang'an, was the capital of the Han and Tang empires as well as the eastern terminus of the Silk Road. The exhibition features more than 100 works, including porcelain wares, bronzes, stone sculptures and silk fabrics dating from these dynasties.

ISRAEL

Jerusalem
The Israel Museum (tel: 708.811). To Dec. 19: "To Live in Jerusalem." Jerusalem residences and lifestyles during the last hundred years.
Tel Aviv
Museum of Art (tel: 696.12.97). To Jan. 1: "Kirchner, Klee, Kokoschka." Drawings and watercolors by the three avant-garde artists.

ITALY

Florence
Palazzo Medici-Riccardi (tel: 55.27.80). To Dec. 5: "Yasimir Malevich." An exhibition of 60 works of Malevich (1878-1935) from the Russian State Museum in St. Petersburg. The exhibition will also travel to Milan, Milan
Teatro alla Scala (tel: 80.91.60). Seiji Ozawa conducts the Boston Symphony Orchestra: Beethoven's "Symphony No. 2" and Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique." Dec. 13.
Venice
Palazzo Grassi (tel: 52.31.680). Continuing/To Jan. 4: "The Unknown Modigliani." More than 400

SPAIN

Barcelona
Fundació Antoni Tàpies (tel: 437.0315). To Jan. 18: "Africa Explores: 20th-Century African Art." This survey of contemporary African art examines folk and traditional art as well as functional art.

Madrid
Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia (tel: 467.50.82). To Jan. 13: "Vienna 1900." More than an evocation of painters such as Klimt, Schiele and Kokoschka, the exhibition is a reconstruction of fin-de-siècle Vienna with sections on architecture (Josef Hoffmann), literature (manuscripts by Musil and Freud) and music (Mahler, Schoenberg and Berg).

SWITZERLAND

Zurich
Kunsthaus (tel: 251.67.65). To Feb. 20: "Joseph Beuys." Installations, windows, murals, sculptures and drawings by the multi-talented German artist who lived between 1921 and 1986.

UNITED STATES

Chicago
The Art Institute of Chicago (tel: 443.3600). To Nov. 30: "Max Ernst: Dawn of the Dawn of Surrealism." 180 paintings, collages, drawings, as well as pieces involving photomontage, overpainting, and the rubbing technique the Surrealist painter invented, over the years 1912-1927.

New York
Museum of Fine Arts (tel: 713.639.73.00). To Jan. 9: "Kenneth Notard: The Circle Paintings, 1856-84." Traces the artist's development from the depiction of circles. These shapes range from free-hand designs to hard-edge compositions.

New York
Cooper-Hewitt Museum (tel: 212.860.68.68). To Jan. 2: "Mechanical: Women and Machines from Home to Office." Celebrates the changing forms and meanings of washing machines, irons, typewriters and telephones, and celebrates the work of women using them.

New York
Metropolitan Opera (tel: 212.362.6000). Puccini's "La Bohème," conducted by Carlo Rizzi with Hee-Kyung Hong, Carol Neblett, Vincenzo La Scala. Dec. 4, 9, 13, 18, 24 and 29.

New York
Museum of Modern Art (tel: 212.708.0000). Continuing/To Jan. 11: "Joan Miró." The Pierpont Morgan Library (tel: 212.685.4740). To Jan. 9: "A Christmas Carol: 150th Anniversary of the Dickens Classic." The manuscript Dickens delivered to the publisher. Also on display are other Dickens' manuscripts and illustrations for his books.

Pittsburgh
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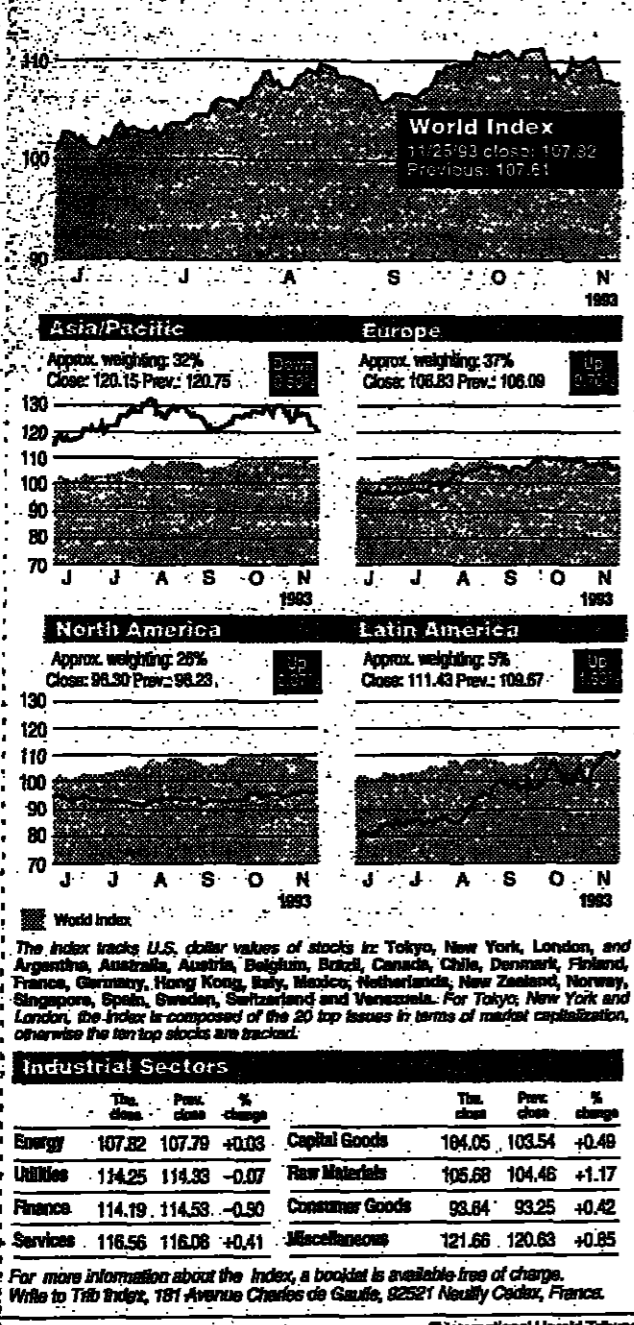
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By Frank Swoboda and Warren Brown

Washington Post Service

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By Sylvia Nasar

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Despite a recent uptick in interest rates, many economists and market analysts believe that the United States has entered an era of rates far lower than in the 1980s...

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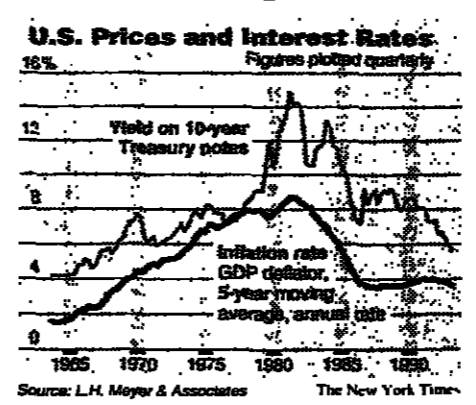
Oil Prices Slide As OPEC Fails to Set New Quotas

Reuters

VIENNA — Oil prices continued to fall on Thursday after the 12 OPEC exporters failed to agree on even a token cut in output to halt a long, recession-led slide.

Oil prices were weaker than at any time since before the 1973 Arab oil embargo.

The conference does not consider that OPEC alone should continue to bear the burden of balancing supply and demand and believes that all producers should join in this effort.



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Aluminum Cuts Both Ways

By Alison Leigh Cowan

NEW YORK — Few companies would wish away a chance to wash away a big competitor. And apparently, the American aluminum industry is willing to do just that...

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For Stockholders of Euro Disney, Another Session on the Rollercoaster

By Erik Ipsen

International Herald Tribune

It was another wild day for the Magic Kingdom as shares in Euro Disney kicked off Thursday by shedding a further 9 percent of their value before bouncing back to 29.40 francs...

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Reuters
BONN — Germany's national audit office has proposed that the government buy fewer Eurofighter planes and get less costly Russian MiG-29s for its air force, according to a document made available Thursday.

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Bonn, which is only committed to the development phase of the Eurofighter, will decide in 1995 whether to buy an estimated 140 aircraft at 90 million Deutsche marks (\$53 million) each. The planes are supposed to enter service by 2002.

2 Big Holders In Volvo Back Renault Accord

Reuters
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Skoda Presses VW on Production Vows

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PRAGUE — Officials of the Czech government and the automaker Skoda said Thursday they planned to hold Volkswagen AG to its promises to increase production and introduce a new model at its Czech plant.

Czech government officials, still angry about being taken by surprise in September when VW suddenly canceled a 1.4 billion DM financing package for Skoda, said they wanted to become more closely involved with management decisions at the Czech carmaker.

Bayer Profit Steadies Out

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LEVERKUSEN, Germany — Bayer AG, the German chemicals company, said Thursday that the decline in its profit slowed in the third quarter from the first two quarters, and that this trend continued in October.

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dur, he said, "wants to involve the members of the National Assembly and senators between the 10th and 15th."

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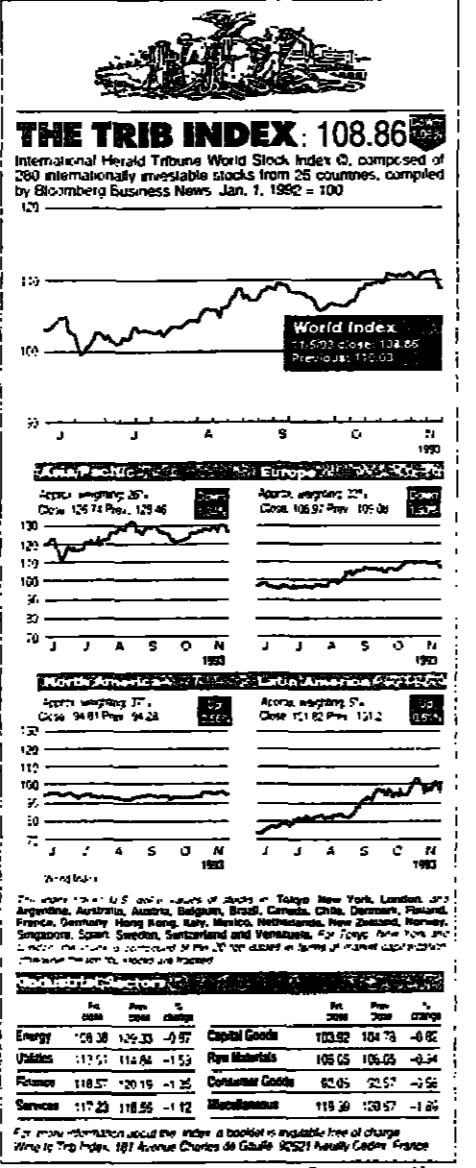
Dollar Gains On Rate Talk

Bloomberg Business News
LONDON — The dollar ended higher in Europe on Thursday, as the Deutsche mark slipped amid persistent rumors of lower German interest rates in the near future.

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SPORTS

Soccer Coach Quits in France, Citing Cup Loss

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS — Gerard Houllier resigned Thursday as coach of the French national soccer team, eight days after France was eliminated from the 1994 World Cup.

Houllier is the second European coach to resign this week after World Cup debacles. England's manager, Graham Taylor, quit Tuesday after his team also failed to qualify for the World Cup finals.

"Our elimination was cruel and painful, but we did not achieve our goal and it was logical for me to go," Houllier said.

Although Houllier had a contract through next year, the resignation was considered imminent after France lost Nov. 17 to underdogs Bulgaria in the final minute, losing its chance of going to the final round of the World Cup in the United States in June.

The 46-year-old former English teacher, regarded as a soccer intellectual and an expert on tactical theory, remains technical director of the national team and will have a say in the nomination of his successor, expected in the next few days.

"I wanted to resign immediately," Houllier said at the French Soccer Federation. He said he had waited a week because "of the intense emotion" he had felt after the "tragic" France-Bulgaria match.

"Only 15 seconds out of 90 minutes turned everything upside down," he said, referring to the last-gasp goal that turned a draw, which would have sent France to the finals, into a 2-1 defeat.

Houllier succeeded Michel Platini in July last year. Platini resigned following France's dismal performance in the European Championships.

"He made the rational and logical choice," said Platini of Houllier's resignation.

"The match against Israel was the real catastrophe," he added. "We were incredibly badly prepared. What happened against Bulgaria was simply football justice."

No successor was immediately named by the presidents of the federation, Jean Fournet-Fayard, and the French league, Noël Le Graet.

"I have spoken with the two presidents," Houllier said, "and it seemed essential that my successor should be a new man in a climate of calm and serenity."

Sports Minister Michèle Alliot-Marie, who met Fournet-Fayard and Le Graet early Thursday, called a special meeting for Monday at the soccer federation. No agenda was announced, but it was expected that Houllier's successor would be selected.

Reports said Fournet-Fayard, who has been criticized for lack of leadership over the Marseille match-fixing scandal, would also resign. Le Graet, who is credited with bringing about the downfall of the Marseille owner, Bernard Tapie, by bringing a civil action in the scandal, is expected to succeed him at the helm of a reformed federation.

Houllier ended with a record of seven victories, a draw and four losses, the last two at home in the final minute against Israel and Bulgaria, teams France was expected to beat.

Houllier played through 1976 and became a coach soon after, heading various teams in the French league's three divisions. In 1986, he coached Paris-Saint-Germain to the French first division title.

He served as Platini's assistant after the former French star became national coach in November 1988.

There is no obvious candidate to replace Houllier, but some of Platini's midfield partners on the great French team of the early 1980s are considered candidates. Jean Tigana is now in charge at Lyon. Luis Fernandez has transformed Cannes into a top side and Alain Giresse is on the coaching staff at Toulouse. (AP, Reuters, AFP)



Dennis Bergkamp, Inter Milan's Dutch striker, firing a shot at the Norwich City goal as Ian Culverhouse attempted a defense in a UEFA Cup match in Norwich, England.

Monaco's 4-1 Cup Victory Lifts French Spirits

Agence France-Press

AS Monaco lifted a bit of the gloom hanging over French soccer, but its 4-1 defeat of Spartak Moscow in the European Champions' League was crafted by the French squad's foreign legion.

Germany's Jürgen Klinsmann and Nigeria's Victor Ikpeba scored Wednesday night, and the playmaking of the Belgian Enzo Scifo was the hub around which many of Monaco's better attacks were built.

Youri Djorkaeff and Lilian Thuram were the other scorers who helped brighten the French game, which has been rocked by the Olympique Marseille match-fixing scandal and the national team's elimination from the

1994 World Cup competition. Nikola Piarov scored for the visitors.

Monaco went to the top of group A as Barcelona, favorites to make the final, managed only a goalless draw with Galatasaray in Istanbul.

FC Porto took the lead in group B by beating Werder Bremen, the German champion, 3-2, when AC Milan was held to a 0-0 stalemate by Anderlecht in Brussels.

After Monaco's match, the defender Emmanuel Petit summed up his conflicting emotions.

"Last week, I reached rock bottom with France, but tonight I had a real high with Monaco," he said, referring to France's

shock 2-1 loss to Bulgaria on Nov. 17, which eliminated the French from the World Cup finals in the United States.

Galatasaray, shock victors over the English champion, Manchester United, in the previous round, held the Spaniards to a 0-0 draw.

The prediction of AC Milan's coach, Fabio Capello, that the match in Brussels would be the most dangerous for his team came true when the Italian champion dropped its first point over in a Champions' League match.

Porto looked to be coasting to victory before conceding two goals in the last five minutes by the Austrian Bernd Hobsch and the New Zealander Wynton Rufer.

The striker Domingos scored for Porto in the sixth minute and Rui Jorge put the Portuguese team two ahead in the 34th minute.

Jose Carlos thought he had killed off Bremen with Porto's third 21 minutes before time, but Bremen finished with a flourish.

In the UEFA Cup, Norwich City's hopes of building on its triumph over Bayern Munich in the last round were dented by a Dennis Bergkamp penalty 10 minutes from time that gave Inter Milan a deserved 1-0 victory.

The English side goes to Milan for the second leg on Dec. 8 without its captain, Ian Butterworth, its playmaker, Ian Crook, and its key defender, Ian Culverhouse. All three will be suspended after being booked for the second time in the competition.

UEFA Plan Would Cut Cup Field to 16 Teams

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BERN — UEFA, European soccer's governing body, may make its elite club competition even more exclusive by denying national champions an automatic berth, a spokesman said Thursday.

UEFA's executive committee will consider admitting only 16 teams to the European Champions' Cup, based on recent club performance, said the spokesman, André Vieri.

"I must stress this is just one proposal among others to ensure that the stronger clubs are adequately represented in the competition," he added.

The proposal, to be discussed by UEFA officials at a meeting Wednesday and Thursday in Geneva, would go a long way toward the "super league" sought by some of Western Europe's top club owners.

All national champions now qualify for the tournament, the most prestigious of Europe's three club cup competitions. After preliminary rounds, the last eight teams play in two groups of four, facing each other twice and away in a "Champions' League." Each group winner faces the other pool's runner-up in semifinals to determine the two finalists.

A proliferation of weaker teams from the former Soviet republics, the former Yugoslav republics and other nations, combined with pressure from Western Europe's most powerful clubs for more top-draw matches, has increasingly forced UEFA to seek changes to strengthen its top tournament.

"The aim is to ensure that the great soccer nations are represented," Vieri said. He said details of the plan were still under discussion.

Under the plan, the 16 teams reportedly would be broken down into four groups. Each group's top two would advance to a quarter-final draw and a knockout system would be used from then on.

Vieri declined to comment on that reported format. (Reuters, AP)

F.A. Still Wants Howe

Don Howe is to be offered the job of caretaker manager of England's national soccer team, even though he does not want it, Agence France-Press reported Thursday from Manchester.

The chairman of the English Football Association's International Committee, Peter Swales, said Thursday that an approach would be made to Howe, a former England coach, within the next few days to take charge of the friendly matches against Denmark and Germany in March and April.

Within hours of Taylor's resignation on Tuesday, Swales, Graham Kelly, the F.A. chief executive, and Bert Milroy, the chairman, decided that Howe was the man to succeed him on a temporary basis.

"Apart from discussing Don Howe, we didn't come up with anybody else to speak to," Swales said. "I've read Don's comments, but we're still hopeful we can get him to take on the commitment."

In the Wake of Tragedy, U.S. Diver Takes a Step Toward a New Life

By Charlie Nobles
New York Times Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida — In an emotional parting at the Swimming Hall of Fame pool before about 100 well-wishers, the U.S. Olympic diving coach, Ron O'Brien, told Bruce Kimball that he had a full-time job waiting for him with the Fort Lauderdale Diving Club.

Less than 12 hours later, at about 6 A.M. Wednesday, Kimball walked out of a halfway house here, completing his incarceration for killing two teenagers in a drunken-driving accident in 1988.

A silver medalist in 10-meter platform diving in the 1984 Olympics, Kimball had been at the Spectrum Center, a drug-and-alcohol rehabilitation center, for the last 11 months, during which he began working with young divers in O'Brien's program.

A ceremony to present the certificates to the youngsters for completing the diving program

turned into a good-luck party for Kimball on Tuesday night.

In all, Kimball served less than five years of a 17-year sentence on two counts of manslaughter, after completing the substance abuse rehabilitation program. It earned him a reduced sentence under Florida's controlled-release program for nonviolent offenders.

On Aug. 1, 1988, Kimball's car rammed into a group of about 35 teenagers in a cul-de-sac in Brandon, near Tampa, killing Robbie Bedell, 19, and Kevin Gossic, 16.

Six others were injured, two so badly that they eventually needed a total of 12 operations. Officials said Kimball's blood alcohol level was twice the legal limit.

Bedell's parents, and others involved have expressed outrage at Kimball's early release. Terry Bedell told The Miami Herald that she thought of her son often.

"You can't erase the sense that he's with you, all your life," she said. "We miss his personality. I wonder what his life would be now."

Kimball isn't talking to the news media "for a variety of personal reasons," he said. Those close to him say he is a changed man.

"I've never seen him so calm," O'Brien said.

Tim O'Brien, Ron's son and head coach of the U.S. Junior Olympic diving team, who has become one of Kimball's closest friends, said: "I think he's learned a lot of patience. The kids trust him. He doesn't push them too fast. He really cares about them."

That feeling has apparently come through for Kimball. He has been joined here by his father, mother, a sister and a brother. After Thanksgiving dinner together at O'Brien's condominiums, they planned to head back to Michigan.

Ultimately, Kimball intends to move to Illinois and enroll at one of several universities where he has applied.

His driver's license has been revoked for life, he must report to a probation officer monthly, and he must perform 15 years of community service.

"He made a mistake any one of us could've made," Tim O'Brien was quoted as saying by the Miami Herald.

"He carries it with him to this day; he'll carry it with him forever," he continued. "I don't know that anyone but Bruce can know how that feels."

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Kent Murray, 13, who has been coached by Kimball for a month.

"He's great," said Murray, who did not know of Kimball's past until he was told Tuesday evening.

"He doesn't push you," he added. "If you can't

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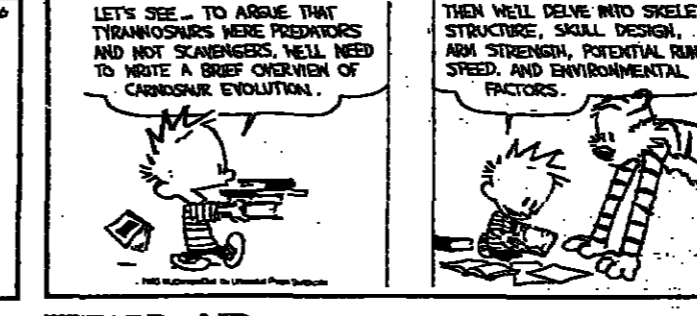
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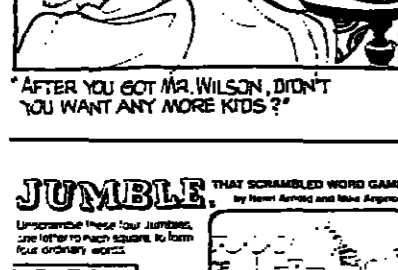
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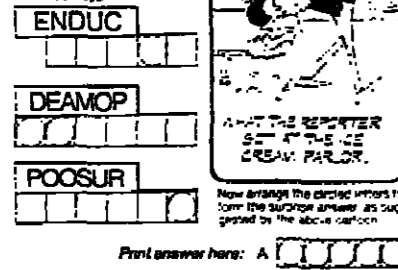
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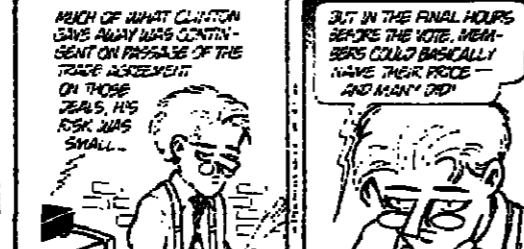


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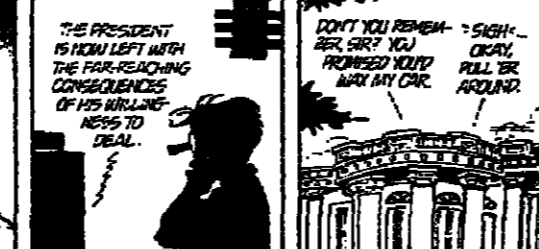


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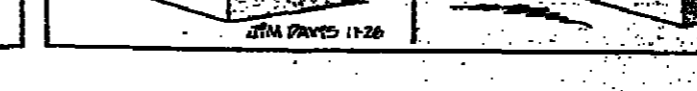
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Umass Sets Tar Heels As Kansas Stops Gophers

NEW YORK — The final seconds looked more like March than November. As the last ticks sounded, Massachusetts players jumped into each other's arms on the court tables. Fans stormed the Madison Square Garden floor. It looked like the biggest victory in school history. It was.

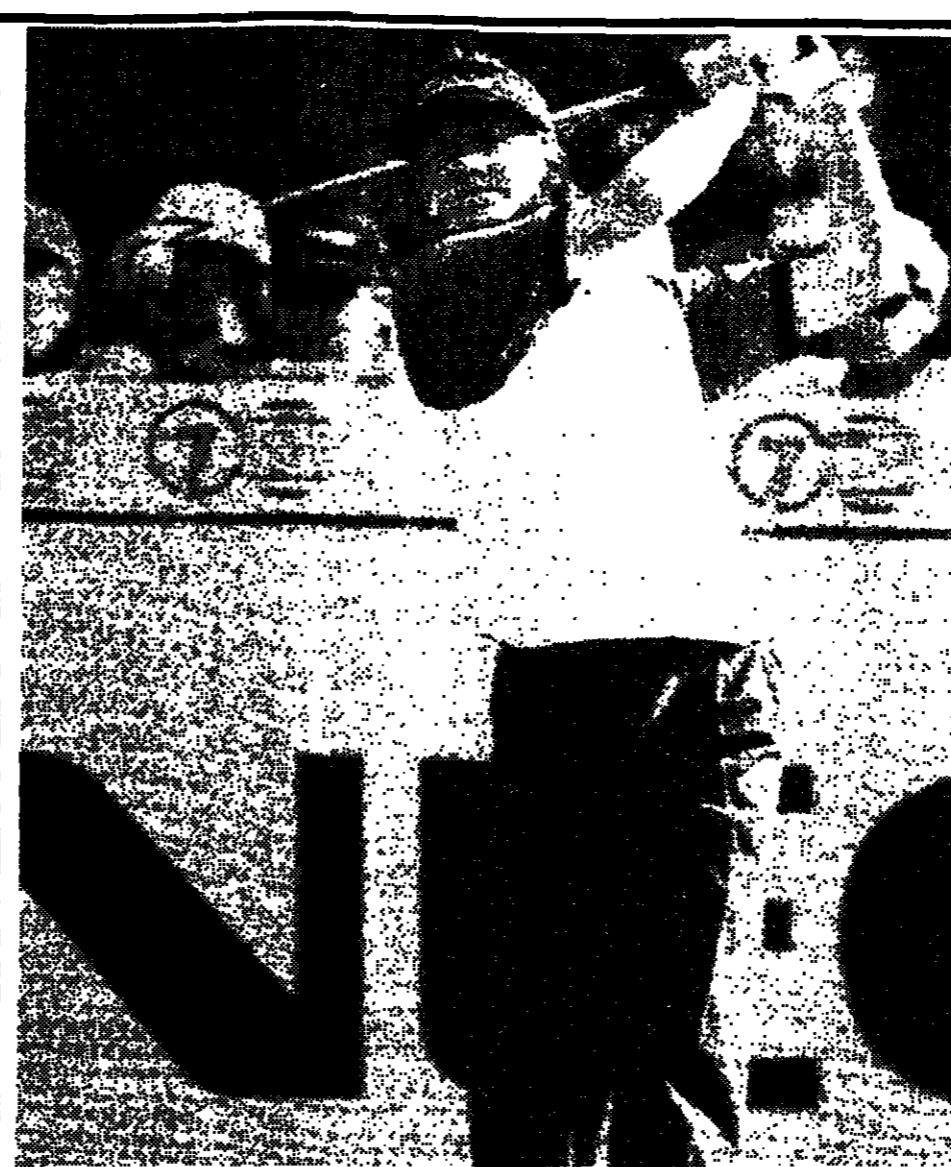
12 turnovers — just 12 turnovers against the best trapping team in the nation. North Carolina (2-1) is considered to have the country's deepest bench as well, and coach Dean Smith needed it against the Minutemen as starting center Eric Montross and power forward Kevin Salvadori both fouled out.

know the extent of the injury, but we know he won't play Friday." Williams finished with 17 points, while Dontra Bright had 15. Donald Williams led North Carolina with 22 points, while Montross and Derrick Phelps had 13 each. "We can only hope this helps us and be thankful this is November and not March or April," Smith said.

Sanders Hurt As Bears Down Hapless Lions

DETROIT — The Detroit Lions lost Barry Sanders, the game, and most of their lead in the National Football Conference Central Division on Thursday. The resurgent Chicago Bears, led by defensive end Tracy Armstrong, had five sacks and forced four turnovers in a 10-6 National Football League victory over the Lions.

Rodney Peete, who completed 22 of 33 for 167 yards, was the victim of Chicago's swarming defense. Peete lost 21 yards on the five sacks, was intercepted twice and lost two fumbles. The Bears, who forced three turnovers in the first half, limited the Lions to just nine snaps in the first quarter. On that ninth snap, Richard Dent hit Peete and knocked the ball loose. Armstrong recovered at the Lions' 31.



FIRING INTO AUSTRALIAN LEAD — The American Brad Faxon teeing off Thursday in the Australian Open in Melbourne. Faxon shot a 7-under-par 65 for a two-stroke first-round lead.

Unified EC Olympic Team? Never, Says a Top Official

BRUSSELS — The world can rest assured: No unified European sporting juggernaut will emerge from the European Community's drive for closer economic and political union. Sports is driven by national passions and will continue to be Europe's Olympic chief told the European Parliament on Thursday.

Title Quest Lends Meaning to Nebraska-Oklahoma Matchup

NEW YORK — They have a wealth of football history and tradition going back to 1912, but when Nebraska takes on Oklahoma for the 74th time Friday, it will be a meaningless game — freighted with significance.

ers is whether they finish third (at 5-2) behind Colorado (5-1) in the Big Eight, or fifth (4-3) behind Kansas State (4-2-1). A victory would probably mean a trip to the Aloha Bowl on Dec. 25; a loss (and a 3 record), another year of rebuilding.

What lends meaning to the otherwise meaningless game is Nebraska's quest for the mythical national championship. A loss would knock it out of contention no matter who turns out to be its Orange Bowl opponent. A victory would keep its hopes alive, especially if Florida State (10-1) beats Florida (9-1) on Saturday to claim the other Orange Bowl berth.

back, Gale Gundy, and a 203-yard team average to Nebraska's 145. But the Cornhuskers have actually scored more passing touchdowns, 15 to 14; their quarterback, Tommie Frazier, is an option specialist who is the team's second leading rusher, and besides, neither Oklahoma nor Nebraska is a real passing team, anyway.

Look for the Ball Tucked under the Arm of One Beefy or Another

Osborne, who was busy this week trying to play down the significance of the game, even suggesting that Oklahoma was nothing special. "We've never tried to raise the specter of rivalry," he said. "The players don't talk much about Oklahoma or Colorado or anybody."

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OBSERVER

Invitation to a Bashing

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK—An angry letter writer who says he is rich accuses me of "rich-bashing" in a recent column. Not content with that, he insinuates that I am probably rich myself.
I deny this last charge and do so vehemently and categorically, just in case any deadbeat relatives, alumni associations or encyclopedia salesmen happen to be reading this newspaper. If I were rich, would I be wearing an off-the-rack suit that fits as if it had been tailored for Dr. Frankenstein's deformed assistant, Igor?

Paris Opéra's New Direction

International Herald Tribune
PARIS—France's conservative government, making public a report severely critical of both the conception and the operation of the Opéra Bastille, one of President François Mitterrand's grand cultural projects, announced a reorganization of the Paris Opéra and named the author of the report as its director beginning in 1995.
Hugues Gall, now director of the Grand Théâtre de Geneva and formerly deputy administrator of the Paris Opéra under Rolf Liebermann, will become director of the renamed Opéra National de Paris for a six-year term, with both artistic and administrative responsibility and control of both theaters, the Bastille and the Palais Garnier, the former Opéra. Opera and ballet will be performed in both houses, unlike the present separation of functions. Other projects include a renovation of the 118-year-old Palais Garnier, a price restructuring to make more moderately priced seats available at the Bastille, and a concerted plan to build a viable opera repertoire for the company.
"Today marks a new start for the Paris Opéra. France's cultural vocation demands that the Opéra, with all its faults and qualities, be worthy of the place we deserve. This is not the case today," Culture Minister Jacques Toubon said.

Lose 115 Pounds and Win a Talk Show

By Degen Pener
New York Times Service
NEW YORK—America's most pleasingly plump, cheerfully chubby young actress is no longer living with euphemisms.
When Ricki Lake made her movie debut almost six years ago in John Waters' "Hairspray," those were the kinds of phrases people used to describe her. Back then, while just 19 years old and 5 feet 4 inches (1.62 meters) tall, she weighed 200 pounds (90 kilos).
Her role—a sweet, overweight girl-next-door who lands a spot on a Baltimore television dance program—won her a quick and early dose of fame.
Today, she probably wouldn't get the part. Lake, since topping out at somewhere over 250 pounds, has a new, retooled celebrity body, having shed more than 115 pounds over the last two and a half years.
"I was happy then," Lake said, over a rubber light dinner recently at Mike's American Bar and Grill, a quirky Tex-Mex restaurant in New York. "I'm just happier now. Clearly so much happier now that I can fit in this booth and not feel uncomfortable."
"Someone says you've sold out, you know. I was this role model for heavy people. But the thing is, I never set out to be a role model at all, and I don't set out to be one now. I won't preach to anyone and tell them how to lose weight. I don't know any better than the next person."
Lake does not mind discussing the weight, but that's not why she came to dinner. For while she may no longer be fat, she's also not just an actress. Since Sept. 13, she has been the host of "Ricki Lake," one of the latest entrants in the growing group of daytime syndicated talk shows.
Three new syndicated shows made debuts in the fall, bringing the number of daytime talk shows to roughly 20.
"Ricki Lake," on WWOR-TV, Channel 9, in New York, covers the usual gabfest turf: sibling strife, surprise marriage proposals, interracial dating and makeover galore. But Lake, who is now all of 25, has just broken away from the pack of newcomers. In October her show's Nielsen rating among women 18 to 34 was double that of two other new syndicated shows, "Bertie Berry" and "Les Brown."
Lake is candid, open and empathetic—though, of course, those are the prerequisites for being a talk-show host.
Her improved ratings—with a significant jump in recent weeks—can be attributed to other traits. She's a bit nutty, she



The new Ricki Lake, cheerful but less voluminous.

has a certain hipness that can easily tickle people over 30, and most of all, she's bold.
For starters, Lake showed up for dinner wearing no makeup, fully aware that she was to be photographed. Not much later, she made it clear that she's not afraid to criticize the competition. "I wouldn't go on 'Geraldo,'" she said. "He scares me. He's too accusatory and too meddling."
Even more shocking, just a few minutes after she gingerly began eating her fettuccine with white beans, tomato sauce and garlic, she broke what would seem to be a cardinal rule in the entertainment world: Don't contradict your own news releases.
"The publicity agents for her show have made much of the story that Lake appeared on 'Oprah Winfrey' a few years ago and talked of having her own show one day. The truth is that it never was a deeply held ambition.
"Everyone is blowing this story well out of proportion," she said. "I was on Oprah's show after 'Hairspray.' This was before she lost any weight. She was heavy and I was

heavy, and for some reason I related to her. I was a big fan and I thought I'd tell her, 'Boy, I wish I could be more like you.' They turned it into this whole, you know, 'I saw it back then.'
Lake then proceeded to tell the real story of how she became a talk-show host, after having made nine movies, including "Cry-Baby" (another John Waters film), and having appeared in the television series "China Beach."
It began with the demise of another talk show. In the spring of last year, Garth Ancier, a former president of entertainment for Fox Broadcasting Co., and Gail Steinberg, a former producer of "Donalme" and "Geraldo," set out to create a talk show aimed at a 20- and 30-something audience.
The result was "Jane," a show whose host was Jane Paoli, then 29 and the editor in chief of Sassy magazine. After a test run, the show wasn't renewed. Ancier started looking for a new host.
"They were throwing names around," Lake said. "They wanted to take the show national, and they wanted to find a young-

er host." Lake, to her own surprise, wound up being cast.
The offer couldn't have come at a better time. After "China Beach" was canceled, Lake had hit one of those dry periods in an actor's life. Negotiations to start a sitcom inspired by Mario Thomas' "That Girl" never went further than that. And just before she was contacted by Ancier, a part she felt she'd been promised in a television movie had fallen through.
"You're not just desperate because the part is perfect for you," Lake said. "You are desperate because you need to work. That's happened countless times in my career. I've been promised this job. I've been promised that job."
And that's why when this talk show came around I was like, 'Yeah, yeah, sure, sure. I've heard this before. O.K.' So I went to the meeting and I know it had to be sort of important because it was on the Fox lot in L.A. I just took it as a meeting and it turned into this."

So now Lake spends her days going over the usual talk-show fare: talking to mothers about their problem daughters, to women in the Kw Klux Klan, to men about sexual harassment and to women whose brothers claim they are too promiscuous. But with her own spin.
"Oprah is funny," she said. "It's not exploitative. It's not crude. It's not freaks. We're offering a clearer alternative to people who want to watch talk shows but feel they can't relate to the shows on menopause or whatever—the older skewing issues."
One of her biggest challenges is controlling the guests on each show's panel. "When you do a show like 'stay away from my black man,' the audience gets so riled up," said Lake, who recently took a very direct approach to the task.
"You have to talk one at a time," she continued. "In this case, the woman would not listen to me and it was to a point where it was, like, inexcusable. So I just went up on stage, I bent down in front of her and I pinched her on the leg. She shut up and I just said: 'Ma'am, I'm not going to tell you again. You have to be quiet.'"

It had been almost 40 minutes since her pasta had arrived, and Lake still hadn't finished it. When she finally left the waitress take it away, she steadfastly refused an offer of dessert.
"I would not even think of eating that," said Lake, who works with a personal trainer who keeps track of her weight even though she says she has no interest in knowing the numbers. "I'm done and I'm being weighed tomorrow."
"Scale is not my friend. I'm not overweight now, but I truly do not know what I weigh. It's not so much losing weight now as it is toning my body."

PEOPLE

Phoenix's Mother Says He Wasn't an Addict

River Phoenix's mother says that her son was not an addict or a regular drug user and that the overdose that led to his death stemmed from a party scene "way control. It's usual experience and leaving in my prayer that River's painful attention of this world on how painfully the spirits of his generation are being worn down," his mother, Heard Phoenix, said in a letter published in the Los Angeles Times. The 23-year-old star of "Stand by Me" and "My Own Private Idaho" died of an overdose of cocaine and heroin on Oct. 31 after partying at the Viper Room, a trendy Hollywood nightclub co-owned by the actor Johnny Depp.

George Harrison may bid adieu to his Hawaii home. Three neighbors took him to court, saying the original owners of his estate on the island of Maui set up an easement to assure access to a stretch of shoreline. Harrison said he wasn't aware of the easement and wouldn't have bought the property in 1981 had he known strangers would be allowed to walk 100 feet from his home. A judge ruled this week that Harrison must allow access, but Harrison plans to appeal.

Metallica Rostropovich and Jean-Pierre Rampal helped celebrate the Polish composer Krzysztof Penderecki's 60th birthday with performances of his work at a gala concert in Warsaw.

The Jackson mystique failed to draw South Africans to a series of concerts by Michael Jackson's sister, LaToya. The tour ended in a flop, when fewer than 700 fans attended her show in Cape Town. Organizers said even smaller audiences had turned up at earlier concerts.

The tenors José Carreras, Luciano Pavarotti and Plácido Domingo will perform together July 16 in Los Angeles, the night before the final World Cup soccer match, Carreras announced.

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"I wonder if the little guy had fun today?"



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